

Aberdeen Friends of the Library Meeting 3/10/2026

Jane Scoca (VP), Sue Cormack, June Utter, Janet Bristow, Barbara Moxley, Sarah Terio, and Jennifer Jones (Branch Manager)

Treasurers' reports

There was no report as Suan has resigned due to health issues. Jane is able to sign checks and take care of bank business for now.

UPDATE: after the meeting June Utter has agreed to assume the duties of the Treasurer. Terms per the bylaws begin in September and there are no provisions for vacancies. She will fill in the role until the annual meeting in September. At the June meeting is the official call for officer nominations.

Booksale

\$474.55 cash and 223.25 in credit for a total of \$697.80 total for March
Someone donated a bunch of technical and text books so Jennifer suggested that we try to offer them for \$1/box take the whole thing and many went.

There was a question about offering teachers a discount. The group tried this in the past with a grant to support it but we got very little response for the effort we put in. The group always has discretion to offer teachers more titles or to take leftovers to a school.

Taking cards is great but have we considered taking Venmo? Jennifer will share this idea with Amber Shrodes, Director of Philanthropy and Community Engagement and Foundation.

System-wide Friends meeting 2/26

Jennifer attended and reported out some highlights. Aberdeen is the only group that does not charge for memberships and this has been a long standing (pre-2011) practice. Dues do not make a lot for the groups and adds work to collect yearly.

The groups shared additional fundraising activities beyond book sales including selling T-shirts (Bel Air) and fundraising nights at local restaurants/creameries.

Some are doing social events to get to know each other since they are Friends groups.

Local funding advocacy time is coming up with the county budget. More information and template letters can be found: <https://hcplonline.org/communitiesthrive.php>.

Mary Hastler, CEO, expressed her thanks to all the Friends for all their support and engagement in the community!

General discussion

We discussed some local Aberdeen options for fundraising: Screaming bean, Watchtower, and the new creamery that is coming. The group felt it could raise funds and be a good community outreach. Sarah volunteered to check with Watchtower first and let us know.

During sales and around the community it would be good to have shirts or buttons. Jane was wearing the polo that was purchased several years ago. Jennifer will check on whether new shirts could be purchased but the branch has a button maker so we can make those up - "Let's be Friends with the Aberdeen Library" maybe as the tag line?

The group had a lengthy discussion on strategic priorities of the Friends funds and what the branch needs/wants. Jennifer shared some of the larger projects and items that have been submitted to administration. Some of the items were small but one large ticket item is a digital sign. Any items would have to be approved by the library first, though, but there have been times that funding for an approved item has been requested from the Friends. There was a suggestion to set aside or earmark funds for certain items, another to fund smaller items to work away at the list, and another about asking for donations from the community. Jennifer said that the Foundation (which also has some funding set aside for the branch) should be involved in this conversation and suggested that the first step would be a meeting with Amber, Mary Ellen, Jane and Jennifer. Jennifer will follow up with setting this up.

Meeting dates

1:30pm for 2026 dates

- June 9

Next Sale dates

June 4 collection 10am-8pm, June 5 sale 12-4:30pm & June 6 sale 10am-4:30pm

Budget requests

No new requests

Submitted by Jennifer Jones